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HOUSE TRANSPORTATION ENGROSSED NO. HB 1031 - 1/19/2012

Introduced by: The Committee on Transportation at the request of the Department of Revenue

- 1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to establish a license fee and a renewal fee for carriers
- 2 licensing under the International Fuel Tax Agreement, to establish a decal fee and a mailing
- 3 fee, and to provide for the disposition of the fees.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:
- 5 Section 1. That § 10-47B-173 be amended to read as follows:
- 6 10-47B-173. Any person who desires to obtain a permanent interstate fuel user license shall
- 7 apply for a license on a form prescribed by the department and may be required to post
- 8 acceptable security in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. The secretary shall require
- 9 suitable security of any license applicant who has been delinquent in filing tax reports with the
- department or paying fuel tax. This license allows the holder to bring special fuel into this state
- in a vehicle supply tank, and for that privilege, the licensee shall pay to this state the tax on fuel
- consumed on the highways of this state, all in accordance with the provisions for the licensure
- 13 set forth under this chapter. There is a fee of ten dollars for the initial license and a fee of ten
- dollars for the subsequent renewal of the license for each year thereafter. There is a fee of one

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- dollar and fifty cents per vehicle for each set of decals requested along with a fee of one dollar
- 2 for mailing each set of decals. The fees collected shall be deposited into the motor fuel
- 3 <u>administration fund.</u>

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SENATE COMMERCE AND ENERGY ENGROSSED NO. HB 1071 - 2/14/2012

Introduced by: Representatives Willadsen, Conzet, Fargen, Greenfield, Hawley, Hickey, Hubbel, Jones, Kirschman, Moser, Novstrup (David), Scott, and Solum and Senators Lederman, Adelstein, Buhl, Johnston, Nelson (Tom), Nygaard, Peters, and Rave

- 1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to increase the benefits that the Insurance Guarantee
- 2 Association may become obligated to cover for annuities, to provide for retroactive
- application, and to declare an emergency.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:
- 5 Section 1. That § 58-29C-46 be amended to read as follows:
- 6 58-29C-46. A. This chapter shall provide coverage for the policies and contracts specified
- 7 in subpart B:
- 8 (1) To persons who, regardless of where they reside (except for nonresident certificate
- 9 holders under group policies or contracts), are the beneficiaries, assignees, or payees
- of the persons covered under subdivision (2);
- 11 (2) To persons who are owners of or certificate holders under the policies or contracts
- 12 (other than structured settlement annuities) and in each case who:
- 13 (a) Are residents; or



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1		(b)	Are n	not residents, but only under all of the following conditions:	
2			(i)	The insurer that issued the policies or contracts is domiciled in this	
3				state;	
4			(ii)	The states in which the persons reside have associations similar to the	
5				association created by this chapter;	
6			(iii)	The persons are not eligible for coverage by an association in any other	
7				state due to the fact that the insurer was not licensed in the state at the	
8				time specified in the state's guaranty association law;	
9	(3)	For s	structur	ed settlement annuities specified in subpart B, subdivisions (1) and (2)	
10		of thi	of this subpart do not apply, and this chapter shall (except as provided in subdivisions		
11		(4) a	(4) and (5) of this subpart) provide coverage to a person who is a payee under a		
12		struc	structured settlement annuity (or beneficiary of a payee if the payee is deceased), if		
13		the p	the payee:		
14		(a)	Is a re	esident, regardless of where the contract owner resides; or	
15		(b)	Is not	a resident, but only under both of the following conditions:	
16			(i)(I)	The contract owner of the structure settlement annuity is a resident, or	
17			(II)	The contract owner of the structured settlement annuity is not a	
18				resident, but the insurer that issued the structured settlement annuity is	
19				domiciled in this state and the state in which the contract owner resides	
20				has an association similar to the association created by this chapter; and	
21			(ii)	Neither the payee (or beneficiary) nor the contract owner is eligible for	
22				coverage by the association of the state in which the payee or contract	
23				owner resides;	
24	(4)	This	chapte	r does not provide coverage to a person who is a payee (or beneficiary)	

1 of a contract owner resident of this state, if the payee (or beneficiary) is afforded any 2 coverage by the association of another state; 3 (5) This chapter is intended to provide coverage to a person who is a resident of this state 4 and, in special circumstances, to a nonresident. In order to avoid duplicate coverage, 5 if a person who would otherwise receive coverage under this chapter is provided 6 coverage under the laws of any other state, the person may not be provided coverage 7 under this chapter. In determining the application of the provisions of this paragraph 8 in situations where a person could be covered by the association of more than one 9 state, whether as an owner, payee, beneficiary, or assignee, this chapter shall be 10 construed in conjunction with other state laws to result in coverage by only one 11 association. 12 B. (1) This chapter shall provide coverage to the persons specified in subpart A for direct, 13 nongroup life, health, or annuity policies or contracts and supplemental contracts to any of these 14 and for certificates under direct group policies and contracts, except as limited by this chapter. 15 Annuity contracts and certificates under group annuity contracts include allocated funding 16 agreements, structured settlement annuities, and any immediate or deferred annuity contracts. 17 (2) This chapter may not provide coverage for: 18 (a) A portion of a policy or contract not guaranteed by the insurer, or under which 19 the risk is borne by the policy or contract owner; 20 (b) A policy or contract of reinsurance, unless assumption certificates have been 21 issued pursuant to the reinsurance policy or contract; 22 (c) A portion of a policy or contract to the extent that the rate of interest on which 23 it is based: 24 (i) Averaged over the period of four years prior to the date on which the - 4 - HB 1071

1			association becomes obligated with respect to the policy or contract,
2			exceeds a rate of interest determined by subtracting two percentage
3			points from Moody's Corporate Bond Yield Average averaged for that
4			same four-year period or for such lesser period if the policy or contract
5			was issued less than four years before the association became obligated;
6			and
7		(ii)	On and after the date on which the association becomes obligated with
8			respect to the policy or contract, exceeds the rate of interest determined
9			by subtracting three percentage points from Moody's Corporate Bond
10			Yield Average as most recently available;
11	(d)	A po	rtion of a policy or contract issued to a plan or program of an employer,
12		assoc	ciation, or other person to provide life, health, or annuity benefits to its
13		empl	oyees, members, or others, to the extent that the plan or program is self-
14		funde	ed or uninsured, including benefits payable by an employer, association,
15		or otl	ner person under:
16		(i)	A multiple employer welfare arrangement as defined in 29 U.S.C.
17			§ 1144;
18		(ii)	A minimum premium group insurance plan;
19		(iii)	A stop-loss group insurance plan; or
20		(iv)	An administrative services only contract;
21	(e)	A po	rtion of a policy or contract to the extent that it provides for:
22		(i)	Dividends or experience rating credits;
23		(ii)	Voting rights; or
24		(iii)	Payment of any fees or allowances to any person, including the policy

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1		or contract owner, in connection with the service to or administration
2		of the policy or contract;
3	(f)	A policy or contract issued in this state by a member insurer at a time when it
4		was not licensed or did not have a certificate of authority to issue the policy
5		or contract in this state;
6	(g)	A portion of a policy or contract to the extent that the assessments required by
7		58-29C-52 with respect to the policy or contract are preempted by federal or
8		state law;
9	(h)	An obligation that does not arise under the express written terms of the policy
10		or contract issued by the insurer to the contract owner or policy owner,
11		including without limitation:
12		(i) Claims based on marketing materials;
13		(ii) Claims based on side letters, riders, or other documents that were issued
14		by the insurer without meeting applicable policy form filing or approval
15		requirements;
16		(iii) Misrepresentations of or regarding policy benefits;
17		(iv) Extra-contractual claims; or
18		(v) A claim for penalties or consequential or incidental damages;
19	(i)	A contractual agreement that establishes the member insurer's obligations to
20		provide a book value accounting guaranty for defined contribution benefit plan
21		participants by reference to a portfolio of assets that is owned by the benefit
22		plan or its trustee, which in each case is not an affiliate of the member insurer;
23	(j)	An unallocated annuity contract; and
24	(k)	A portion of a policy or contract to the extent it provides for interest or other

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1	changes in value to be determined by the use of an index or other externa			
2	reference stated in the policy or contract, but which have not been credited to			
3	the policy or contract, or as to which the policy or contract owner's rights ar			
4	subject to forfeiture, as of the date the member insurer becomes an impaired			
5	or insolvent insurer under this chapter, whichever is earlier. If a policy's or			
6	contract's interest or changes in value are credited less frequently than			
7	annually, then for purposes of determining the values that have been credited			
8	and are not subject to forfeiture under this subsection, the interest or change			
9	in value determined by using the procedures defined in the policy or contrac			
10	will be credited as if the contractual date of crediting interest or changing			
11	values was the date of impairment or insolvency, whichever is earlier, and wil			
12	not be subject to forfeiture.			
13	C. The benefits that the association may become obligated to cover may in no event exceed			
14	the lesser of:			
15	(1) The contractual obligations for which the insurer is liable or would have been liable			
16	if it were not an impaired or insolvent insurer; or			
17	(2)(a) With respect to one life, regardless of the number of policies or contracts:			
18	(i) Three hundred thousand dollars in life insurance death benefits, but no			
19	more than one hundred thousand dollars in net cash surrender and ne			
20	cash withdrawal values for life insurance;			
21	(ii) In health insurance benefits:			
22	(I) One hundred thousand dollars for coverages not described in clauses			
23	(II) and (III) below, including any net cash surrender and net cash			
24	withdrawal values;			

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1		(II)	Three hundred thousand dollars for disability income insurance as	
2			defined in § 58-17-108, and three hundred thousand dollars for long-	
3			term care insurance as defined in subdivision 58-17B-2(6);	
4		(III)	Five hundred thousand dollars for basic hospital, medical and surgical	
5			insurance, or major medical insurance as defined in the National	
6			Association of Insurance Commissioners Health Insurance Shoppers'	
7			Guide, as of January 1, 2003; or	
8		(iii)	One hundred Two hundred fifty thousand dollars in the present value	
9			of annuity benefits, including net cash surrender and net cash	
10			withdrawal values;	
11	(b)	With	respect to each payee of a structured settlement annuity (or beneficiary	
12		or be	or beneficiaries of the payee if deceased), one hundred two hundred fifty	
13		thous	sand dollars in present value annuity benefits, in the aggregate, including	
14		net c	ash surrender and net cash withdrawal values;	
15	(c)	How	ever, in no event may the association be obligated to cover more than (i)	
16		an ag	gregate of three hundred thousand dollars in benefits with respect to any	
17		one l	life under subsections 2(a), 2(b), and 2(c) of subpart C of this section	
18		exce	pt with respect to benefits for basic hospital, medical and surgical	
19		insur	rance, and major medical insurance under subsection 2(a)(ii) of this	
20		section	on, in which case the aggregate liability of the association may not exceed	
21		five l	hundred thousand dollars with respect to any one individual, or (ii) with	
22		respe	ect to one owner of multiple nongroup policies of life insurance, whether	
23		the p	policy owner is an individual, firm, corporation, or other person, and	
24		whet	her the persons insured are officers, managers, employees, or other	

1 persons, more than five million dollars in benefits, regardless of the number 2 of policies and contracts held by the owner; 3 (d) The limitations set forth in this section are limitations on the benefits for 4 which the association is obligated before taking into account either its 5 subrogation and assignment rights or the extent to which those benefits could 6 be provided out of the assets of the impaired or insolvent insurer attributable 7 to covered policies. The costs of the association's obligations under this chapter may be met by the use of assets attributable to covered policies or 8 9 reimbursed to the association pursuant to its subrogation and assignment 10 rights. 11 D. In performing its obligations to provide coverage under § 58-29C-51, the association may 12 not be required to guarantee, assume, reinsure, or perform, or cause to be guaranteed, assumed, 13 reinsured, or performed, the contractual obligations of the insolvent or impaired insurer under 14 a covered policy or contract that do not materially affect the economic values or economic 15 benefits of the covered policy or contract. 16 Section 2. The provisions of this Act apply to coverage the guaranty association provides 17 in connection with a member insurer that is placed under an order of liquidation with a finding 18 of insolvency on or after January 1, 2012. 19 Section 3. Whereas, this Act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, 20 health, or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in full force and 21 effect from and after its passage and approval retroactive to January 1, 2012.

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HOUSE ENGROSSED NO. HB 1078 - 1/30/2012

Introduced by: Representatives Dennert, Cronin, Hoffman, Schaefer, and Sigdestad and Senators Hundstad, Begalka, Putnam, and Rhoden

- FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to allow certain structures or facilities previously used as
 an elevator to be classified as agricultural property.

 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:
- 4 Section 1. That chapter 10-6 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
- 5 follows:
- 6 In addition to any building or structure classified as agricultural property pursuant to § 10-6-
- 7 33.33, any structure or facility previously used as an elevator for the storage of grain on
- 8 nonagricultural property shall be classified as agricultural property if:
- 9 (1) The property is owned by a person engaged in the production of agricultural crops;
- 10 (2) The owner does not derive any income from fees for storing crops or rent;
- 11 (3) The owner stores agricultural crops in the structure or facility; and
- 12 (4) The owner does not load and transport any agricultural products onto a train from the
- structure or facility.

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HOUSE TAXATION ENGROSSED NO. HB 1116-1/31/2012

Introduced by: Representatives Feickert, Blake, Cronin, Dennert, Elliott, Hoffman, Kirschman, Kloucek, and Sigdestad and Senators Frerichs, Begalka, Hundstad, Maher, and Novstrup (Al)

- 1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to exempt bedding used for agricultural purposes from sales
- and use taxes.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:
- 4 Section 1. That § 10-45-18.3 be amended to read as follows:
- 5 10-45-18.3. There are hereby specifically exempted from the provisions of this chapter and
- from the computation of the amount of tax imposed by it, gross receipts from the sale of feed
- 7 and bedding for cattle, buffalo, sheep, goats, swine, pheasants, partridges, quail, poultry,
- 8 ostriches, emus, rheas, and domesticated fur-bearing animals defined in chapter 40-35, if such
- 9 feed or bedding is used by farmers or ranchers who are regularly engaged in the business of
- 10 raising and feeding such animals, or producing milk for sale for human consumption, and horses
- and other animals within the family equidae. The term, poultry, does not include any fowl other
- than domestic fowl kept and raised for the market or the production of eggs for human
- consumption. The term, bedding, only includes straw, corn stover, and bean straw.
- Section 2. That § 10-46-16.3 be amended to read as follows:



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1 10-46-16.3. There are hereby specifically exempted from the provisions of this chapter and 2 from the computation of the amount of tax imposed by it, gross receipts from the sale of feed 3 and bedding for cattle, buffalo, sheep, goats, swine, pheasants, partridges, quail, poultry, 4 ostriches, emus, rheas, and domesticated fur-bearing animals defined in chapter 40-35, if such 5 feed or bedding is used by farmers or ranchers who are regularly engaged in the business of 6 raising and feeding such animals, or producing milk for sale for human consumption, and horses 7 and other animals within the family equidae. The term, poultry, does not include any fowl other 8 than domestic fowl kept and raised for the market or the production of eggs for human 9 consumption. The term, bedding, only includes straw, corn stover, and bean straw.